

# Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation



Seattle's environmental learning centers offer programs at parks throughout the city. These programs are hands-on experiences employing games, props, and activities to enhance the learning adventure. They are developed to give people a positive experience outdoors and a sense of community and connection with our green spaces. Every quarter, new programs are offered based upon the seasons and the interests of the public. Pre-registration is required for all programs so please peruse the following offerings to find something that interests you and register today. Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please take note of the location of a particular program because there are many different options. The location is listed underneath the program title. If you need directions to a particular place, please contact one of the environmental learning centers for assistance.

## REGISTRATION

- Go to [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks) and use the online registration system - SPARC. You need to sign up for an account and obtain a pin number in order to use the online system. This may take up to 24 hours, so plan ahead. Once you have your pin number, use the course code number listed in the program description to find the program in the SPARC system. The course code number is listed next to the program date.

- Another way to register is to contact Discovery Park or Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers and a staff person can register you for the program of your choice.

## Seattle's Environmental Learning Centers

### Discovery Park

3801 Discovery Park Blvd. (formerly West Government Way)  
Seattle, WA. 98199  
Phone: 206-386-4237  
Email: [discovery.park@seattle.gov](mailto:discovery.park@seattle.gov)  
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Camp Long

5200 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SW  
Seattle, WA. 98126  
Phone: 206-684-7434  
Email: [camplong@seattle.gov](mailto:camplong@seattle.gov)  
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Carkeek Park

950 NW Carkeek Park Road  
Seattle, WA. 98177  
Carkeek Park ELC was closed due to budget cuts in 2010.  
There are, however, programs still offered at the park.  
Contact Discovery Park ELC.



# Program Descriptions Autumn 2015

*All programs led by highly trained Seattle Volunteer Naturalists*

## Seasonal Favorites



### Ft. Lawton Cemetery Adventure

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 12 and older    **Free**

Experience a guided walking tour of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery in Discovery Park. Hear the history of the cemetery and the stories of those buried there including: two POWs, an unknown soldier, two base commanders and more.

**#138161      10/31/2015    Sat    2 – 4 p.m.**

### Mushroom Walk

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 12 and older    **Free**

Are you curious about the mushrooms that literally pop out of the ground in the fall? What do they do, anyway? This program reveals the big news about fungi – without them, there are no plants. Discover the fascinating tale of fungus; learn about their role as the ultimate recyclers and natural fertilizers.

**#138166      11/01/2015    Sun    1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**



### Holly Day Decorations

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 5 and older    **Fees:** \$9 per person

Don't miss this annual event! Spruce up your home for the coming winter the natural way. Create beautiful wreaths, garlands, and sprays using invasive plants that need removing from the park like English ivy, Scots broom, cherry laurel, and holly. Be the envy of the neighborhood and a habitat hero at the same time. Basic materials provided. You may want to bring any special ribbon, cones or other personal decorations.

**#138163      12/05/2015    Sat    2 – 4:30 p.m.**

## Nature at Night

### Full Moon Owl Hoot

Camp Long

**Ages:** 5 and older     **Fees:** \$5 per person

Join us for a dusk-to-dark owl prowl through Camp Long's woodland.

**#138085     10/24/2015     Sat     7 – 8:30 p.m.**



### Tidepools by Flashlight

Discovery Park North Beach

**Ages:** 6 and older     **Fees:** \$5 per person

What a delight! Explore tidepools at night. Bring your family and friends for a beach adventure – by flashlight! A unique experience right here in the city. Please wear shoes that can get wet, dress in layers, and bring a flashlight if you have one. **Meet the naturalist at the Discovery Park Environmental Learning Center.**

**#138170     11/25/2015     Wed     8:30 – 10:30 p.m.**



## Stewardship Opportunity

### Give Thanks for Habitat

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 6 and older     **Free**

The rainiest time of year is the perfect time to restore the forest. Come to Discovery Park and join naturalists in learning about how a forest works and what you can do to help restore forests in Seattle. Then make a difference by planting some native plants! Tools and instruction are provided. You bring enthusiasm and a desire to make a positive difference in your community.

**#138162     11/21/2015     Sat     1 – 4 p.m.**



## Tot Treks & Nature Play

The following programs are an opportunity for the very young to explore outside in a safe environment and to share that experience with an adult who is important to them. Parents and others that share time with a toddler can learn tips and tricks for sharing the outdoors with a little one. These programs are also a great chance to make new friends.

**Ages:** 2 – 3 with an adult     **Fees:** \$4 per person.

### Itty Bitty Adventure

Discovery Park

Adults – grow outside with your children! We are going to get small and explore the park for those itty bitty things that are often overlooked.

**#138174 09/23/2015     Wed     10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

### Autumn Colors

Camp Long



Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddler. Join us for a colorful celebration of fall in the forest.

**#138090 10/06/2015     Tue     10:30-11:45 a.m.**

## Tot Treks & Nature Play cont.



### Happy Halloween Hike

Discovery Park

Adults – grow outside with your children! Go for an exploratory hike with a naturalist to learn about some of the animals associated with Halloween. Be sure to wear your Halloween costume to this hike!

**#138172 10/24/2015 Sat 10:30-11:45 a.m.**

### Trees are Terrific

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddler. Romp in the forest learning who lives in trees and uses them for everything.

**#138091 11/03/2015 Tue 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

### Tree Houses

Discovery Park

Adults – grow outside with your children! Hike in the forest with a naturalist and learn who makes their homes in the trees. Then contribute a future home to the forest by helping to plant a tree!

**#138175 11/18/2015 Wed 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**



## Forest Walks

### Fall Family Forest Adventure

Camp Long

**Ages: 4 and older Free**

Explore the forests of Camp Long. Find out about fantastic native plants and enjoy the autumn colors.

**#138084 11/14/2015 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.**

# Wildlife Walks

## Bird Tours

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 8 and older   **Fees:** \$3 per person   **Time:** 8 – 10 a.m.

Discover the joy of birding. Join experienced leaders as we search for migrants and year-round residents within Discovery Park's varied habitats. Please bring binoculars if you have them.

#138150	09/19/2015	Sat
#138153	10/03/2015	Sat
#138156	10/17/2015	Sat
#138158	10/31/2015	Sat
#138159	11/07/2015	Sat
#138160	11/14/2015	Sat



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## Salmon Stations

Carkeek Park

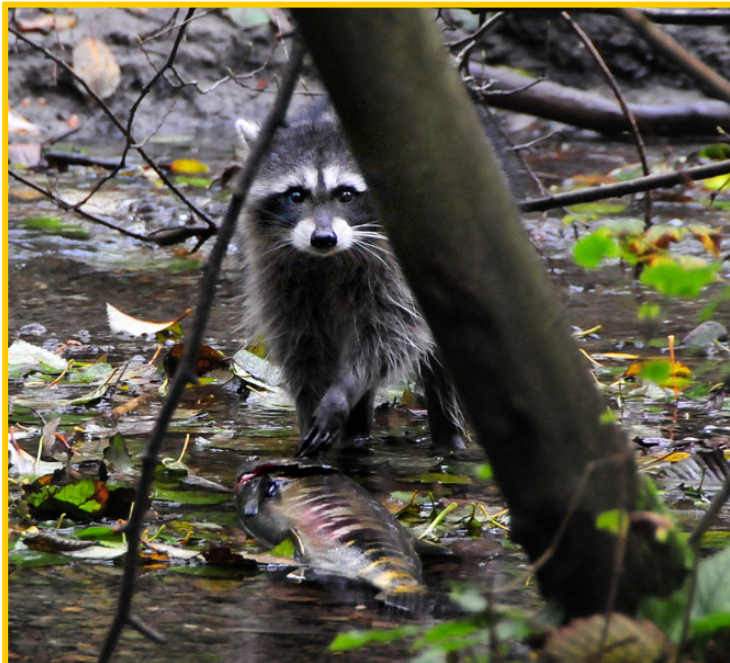
**All ages**   **Free**   **Time:** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

November and early December is the time to experience Pacific salmon in an urban stream. Coho and chum salmon run in Piper's Creek in during this time. Drop-in stations with trained guides are set up on the weekends to facilitate observations of the salmon and to give out tips on how to help perpetuate these runs. No need to sign up. Just come to the lower meadow at Carkeek Park and look for the salmon stewards in the blue vests.

11/07/2015	Sat	11/22/2015	Sun
11/08/2015	Sun	11/28/2015	Sat
11/14/2015	Sat	11/29/2015	Sun
11/15/2015	Sun	12/05/2015	Sat
11/21/2015	Sat	12/06/2015	Sun



## Wildlife Walks cont.



### Salmon Walk

Carkeek Park

**Ages:** 5 and older      **Free**

Experience an urban salmon stream during the peak of the chum salmon run. Explore the lifecycle of the Pacific salmon and the hurdles they overcome to return to their home streams. **Meet the naturalist at the east end of the lower meadow.**

#138124      11/21/2015      Sat      10 a.m. – Noon

**Space is limited. Register for programs today!**

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